

a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of an Executive Order entitled, Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON  
(For Jeff Trandahl).

#### RETURN SURPLUS TO TAXPAYERS

(Mr. FOSSELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, today there are reports that Washington is awash in a surplus to the tune of projected \$1 trillion. Well, congratulations to the American taxpayer. There are a lot of folks who would like to take credit for the surpluses. We all know where it is generated from, and that is the hard work of millions of Americans, who get up to work every single morning, sometimes 6, 7 days a week, sometimes 2 or 3 jobs, to generate this surplus.

I would just encourage everybody in Washington to remind themselves of that fact, and that when it comes time to spend that money, that they set aside enough back to the taxpayers so they can spend it on their families and to continue to grow our economy as it has been growing like no time before.

As it relates to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA) and the San Antonio Spurs, congratulations, but there is also next year for our Knicks fans.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-86)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On November 14, 1994, in light of the danger of the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (weapons of mass destruction) and of the means of delivering such weapons, using my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), I issued Executive Order 12938, declaring a national emergency to deal with this danger. Because the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, I have renewed the national

emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 annually, most recently on November 12, 1998. Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(b)), I hereby report to the Congress that I have exercised my statutory authority to further amend Executive Order 12938 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities.

The new executive order, which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998, strengthens Executive Order 12938 by amending section 3 to authorize the United States to implement important provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, a multilateral agreement that serves to reduce the threat posed by chemical weapons. Specifically, the amendment enables the United States Government to ensure that imports into the United States of certain chemicals from any source are permitted in a manner consistent with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 25, 1999.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. ANNA ESHOO, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ANNA ESHOO, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 29, 1999,

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

ANNA G. ESHOO.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

#### VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2280

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

#### TITLE I—COMPENSATION

Sec. 101. Increase in rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sec. 102. Presumption that bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma is service-connected.

Sec. 103. Dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of former prisoners of war.

Sec. 104. Reinstatement of certain benefits for remarried surviving spouses of veterans upon termination of their remarriage.

#### TITLE II—MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

Subtitle A—American Battle Monuments Commission

Sec. 201. Codification and expansion of authority for World War II Memorial.

Sec. 202. General authority to solicit and receive contributions.

Sec. 203. Intellectual property and related items.

Sec. 204. Technical amendments.

Subtitle B—National Cemeteries

Sec. 211. Establishment of additional national cemeteries.

Sec. 212. Independent study on improvements to veterans' cemeteries.

#### TITLE III—HOUSING

Sec. 301. Permanent eligibility for housing loans for former members of the Selected Reserve.

Sec. 302. Homeless veterans' reintegration programs.

Sec. 303. Transitional housing loan guarantee program technical amendment.

#### TITLE IV—COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Sec. 401. Authority to prescribe rules and regulations.

Sec. 402. Recall of retired judges.

Sec. 403. Calculation of years of service as a judge.

Sec. 404. Judges' retired pay.

Sec. 405. Survivor annuities.

Sec. 406. Limitation on activities of retired judges.